

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2014 - 5:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Munn, Bogue, Frost, Lawton  
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF Special Meeting of December 16, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 16, 2013.

Motion by Munn, seconded by Frost, 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Bogue).  
Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Colleen Sullivan, Mumford Cove resident, expressed concern about phase 3 of the G&S Trolley Trail. She noted that its development could impact tidal and inland wetlands. Staff explained the permit process.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

MOTION: To elect Rafferty as Chairman, Bogue as Vice-Chairman and Munn as Secretary.

Motion by Frost, seconded by Lawton, so voted unanimously.

2. Request for Letter of Support for Land Acquisition: Tilcon Property – Groton Open Space Association.

The Commission reviewed the draft letter and had no comments. Staff will prepare it for the Chairman's signature.

3. Rubino Dock, River Road

The Commission reviewed the permit for the Rubino Dock which was issued by the DEEP in January. They noted concerns with the development of off street parking and the potential for erosion once the vegetation is removed. Rafferty noted that the property floods with spring tides and that rising sea level may make this dock unusable.

Joellen Anderson, speaking from the audience, noted that the Avalonia Land Conservancy owns land just to the south of this property. She was not able to obtain accurate plans from the state during the comment period.

4. Prescription Medicine Disposal

Rafferty noted that prescription drugs can be dropped off at the Police Station for disposal. He would like to see this service more widely advertised and signed.

Rafferty left the meeting at 5:50 PM.

5. Plan of Conservation and Development Update
  - a. Open Space, Parks and Recreation
  - b. Energy and Sustainability
  - c. Build-Out Analysis

The Commission continued to review elements of the Plan of Conservation and Development Update. Staff reviewed the Steering Committee schedule and the opportunities to provide input into the Update.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN – None.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff reported that she has registered a Commission sponsored event at Sparkle Lake Conservation Area for the June 7 Trail Day. Activities will highlight the uses of the property including hiking, fishing, kayaking and bird watching.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

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Gail Munn, Secretary  
Conservation Commission

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